(b) whether this is being implemented in letter and spirit;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there has been a report of non-implementation of this ban in Delhi; and

(e) if so, the details of the cases which has come to Government's notice, State-wise and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) According to the Rules promulgated by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare under the Cigarettes & Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade & Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003, sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products in an area within a radius of one hundred yards of the educational institution is strictly prohibited and it is an offence punishable with fine which may extend to two hundred Rupees. While according to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the power to enforce the various provisions of the Act are vested in the State Governments, no report of non-implementation has been received.

Primary Education Commission

†2644. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration for the constitution of a Primary Education Commission on the pattern of National Human Rights Commission;

(b) if so, the outline thereof alongwith the responsibilities proposed to be entrusted to the Primary Education Commission; and

(c) by when a decision is likely to be taken by Government to implement the said proposal?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Reservation of seats for poor and backward classes

†2645. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are giving consideration to a proposal to reserve 25 per cent seats for the students belonging to the backward classes and poor students in the admission in all the schools being run in the private sector in the country;

(b) if so, the outlines thereof;

(c) whether Government have any plan to solve the financial problem likely to be arised by implementation of this proposal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Survey by NCERT

†2646. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NCERT had assessed educational standard of the schools, their condition and environment for education in schools by conducting a comprehensive survey in 2000;

(b) if so, whether Government have received report of this survey;

(c) if so, the salient features thereof;

(d) whether Government have chalked out any scheme at national level based on the above findings; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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